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Dear Josh,

Many thanks for your letter of May 28, and for the comments on the paper. I was in some doubt whether to hit the preposterous claims about salt-mines, but the editor of Nature wanted the story kept short, so I've ignored the claims. Thank you also for Sagan's references. I'll get in touch with Halvorsen, as this may be of interest to them in their monograph on spores. Just lately the folk at the British Museum have been re-examining the Orgeil meteorite, without finding anything surprising, so one of them told me. They have now got some decent chemists onto it.

Best wishes,

P.H.A. Sneath.

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